

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable Lurita A. Doan Administrator General Services Administration 18th & F Streets, NW Washington, DC 20405

Dear Ms. Doan:

This letter is in response to your agency's May 30, 2006 request for an extension of the July 5, 2005 designation granted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) to serve as an executive agent for government-wide acquisitions under existing GSA government-wide information technology (IT) acquisition programs. OMB is extending the designation for the government-wide acquisition contracts (GWACs) identified in the enclosure.

The designation for each GWAC shall remain in effect until the end of the contract period for that GWAC, including any options, unless the designation is otherwise modified by OMB. All GWACs identified in the enclosure are subject to existing designation terms and annual reporting requirements. OMB will review the annual reports to ensure the GWACs are producing effective results and work with GSA if any improvements are needed.

The effective management and strategic use of GWACs and other interagency contracts is a priority for OMB's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). OFPP is developing guidance to clarify the roles and responsibilities of contract managers and their customers. OFPP is also reviewing how the governance structure for creating and renewing interagency contracts can be improved and will carefully consider the forthcoming recommendations on this issue made by the Acquisition Advisory Panel established under section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act. OMB appreciates GSA's support of these efforts and will look to GSA and the other executive agents to serve as role models as improvements are developed and implemented.

OMB looks forward to working with you and the other executive agents to ensure that GWACs are providing cost-effective, quality results for our taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Rob Portman

Enclosure

GSA's Government-wide Acquisition Contracts

1. Access Certificate for E-Services (ACES) Contract*

Scope: Facilitates secure on-line access to government information and services by the public through the use of Public Key Infrastructure and digital signature technology. Provides tools and services for identification, authentication, technical non-repudiation, and data integrity for individuals and business entities accessing, retrieving, and submitting information over the Internet.

2. Alliant

Scope: Includes a broad scope of IT services including new and emerging technologies. The scope of support is intended to cover all requirements for IT, including computers, ancillary equipment, software, firmware and similar applications, services (including support services), and related resources. GSA will offer Alliant as a new contract vehicle to provide all federal agencies with solutions, which will simplify, unify, and align IT environments. Alliant will be an MA/IDIQ (multiple award, indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity) contract with a ceiling of \$50 billion and a base period of five years with one five-year option.

3. Alliant Small Business

Scope: Alliant Small Business (SB) is a total small business set-aside. Alliant SB is designed to efficiently and effectively support the federal government's Information Technology (IT) needs in its daily operations, its protection of infrastructure, the fight against terrorism and the development and marketing of emerging technologies. Alliant SB was created to fulfill the IT requirements of GSA and other Federal Agencies, as well as serving the small business community and assisting agencies in meeting their small business goals. Alliant SB is a Multiple Award/Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (MA/IDIQ) contract with a ceiling of \$15 billion and a base period of five years with one five-year option.

4. Applications and Support for Widely-diverse End User Requirements (ANSWER) Contract

Scope: Provides for services in the following areas: requirements and design research, analysis and definition; system development and software maintenance; facilities planning; technical support; local, wide, and metropolitan area networks (LAN, WAN, MAN) and telecommunications system management support; LAN, WAN, MAN and telecommunications network systems operations support services; electronic input; specialized workstation support; and computer equipment maintenance as well as management support services for business, scientific and engineering applications.

5. Disaster Recovery Services for Federal Computer Systems and Networks Contract**

Scope: Provides computing and communications recovery services to test and refine organizations' contingency plans, and to restore and recover operations in the event of a declared disaster. Recovery services are provided for several platforms including mainframe computer systems; midrange computer systems; and microcomputer systems. Associated consulting services and automated tools are also provided. Other resources include off-site data storage and retrieval data recovery services, mobile recovery facilities, overseas recovery facilities and cleared recovery facilities.

6. 8(a) STARS

Scope: An 8(a) competitive set-aside contract providing agencies with IT services and solutions from certified 8(a) firms. The contract is divided among multiple functional areas, including telecommunications, internet publishing, computer programming, computer systems design, computer facilities management, data processing, hosting, and other related computer services.

7. 8(a) FAST**

Scope: Provides a broad range of high quality, IT, non-complex integration services from 8(a) contractors. These services can range from simple connection of personal computers to peripherals, through construction LANs, up through installation of WANs. Agencies can accomplish anything from partial installations to turnkey installations, including ongoing operations, using commercial-off-the-shelf hardware/software and labor.

8. HUBZone Contracts

<u>Scope:</u> Offers agencies access to competitive firms offering IT services that are also certified as Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) contractors. The contract will be divided among multiple functional areas, including internet services, call centers, distance learning, video conferencing, wiring and cabling: network design, computer operations/support, network management, contingency planning, disaster preparedness/recovery and information assurance.

9. Information Technology Omnibus Procurement II

<u>Scope</u>: Provides a wide range of IT services within three functional support areas: information systems engineering, systems operations and management, and information systems security support services.

10. Millennia Contract

<u>Scope</u>: Includes a broad scope of IT services including new and emerging technologies. The scope of support is intended to cover all requirements for IT, including computers, ancillary equipment, software, firmware and similar applications, services (including support services),

and related resources. The contract is designed for very large systems integration and software development projects. General tasks could fall into three functional areas: software engineering; communication; and systems integration.

11. Millennia Lite Contract

<u>Scope</u>: Provides a wide variety of professional IT support services categorized into four functional areas: planning, studies and assessment; high-end IT services; mission support services; and legacy systems migration and new enterprise systems development.

12. Seat Management Services Contract**

Scope: Offers agencies the ability to acquire by the "seat" full service desktop computing resources (e.g., software, hardware, and technical support services) from general to high performance. Seat management services support scientific, engineering and mixed environments. Integrated services and the required components can be acquired. The services offered encompass the management, operation, and maintenance of the desktop, portable desktop servers, communications, printers, peripherals, and their associated network infrastructure and components as a unified service.

13. Smart Card Contract***

Scope: Includes the supplies and services necessary to support a common, interoperable, multi-application smart card. The smart ID card will contain information carried on a chip to be used by agencies commonly across applications. The smart card can be used to provide basic visual identification, identification authentication, physical and logical access control, and other value-added features. In addition to the card and accompanying applications, smart card management services and smart card system integration to existing or planned systems can also be ordered.

14. Veterans Technology Services

<u>Scope:</u> Offers agencies access to competitive firms offering IT services that qualify as service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. The contract will include two primary functional areas: information systems engineering and systems operations and maintenance.

15. Virtual Data Center Contract**

<u>Scope</u>: Provides a full range of primary data processing and support services for hardware and software, including: all essential components and resources to service and maintain data center computing; system back-up and disaster recovery services; operations and systems support; systems and application software support; and migration support and acceptance testing support.

^{*}No new orders are being placed under this GWAC but task orders placed on or before October 31, 2005 may continue in accordance with the terms of the July 5, 2005 designation.

^{**} No new orders are being placed under these GWACs; but monies may be obligated through the exercise of options on existing orders.

^{***}No new orders are being placed under this GWAC but task orders placed under this GWAC on or before-May 17, 2006 may continue in accordance with the terms of the July 5, 2005 designation.